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This is an Information Disclosure Statement submitted under 37 CFR 1.97 ff within the time specified in 37 CFR 1.97 (b).

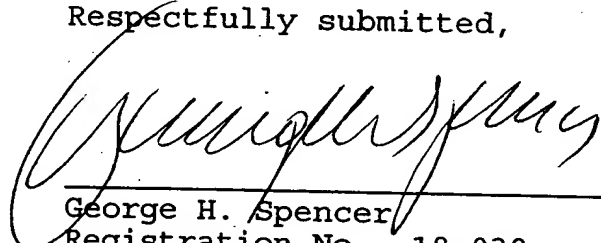
For the Examiner's convenience, abstracts from Derwent and Chemical Abstracts pertaining to EP 0716119 are attached.

Also attached is a copy of Italian Patent 719725 mentioned in the application, where its relevance is discussed. For the Examiner's convenience, abstracts from Derwent and Chemical Abstracts pertaining to this patent are attached.

A Form PTO 1449 listing the references is attached.

In view of the above, no further statement of relevance or translations of the foreign-language references if required, and, as all requirements of 37 CFR 1.97 ff, and all official guide lines pertaining to Information Disclosure Statements, have been complied with, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner consider the references and make them of record.

Respectfully submitted,



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